

EXHIBIT 4  
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**The University of Montana  
School of Law  
Building Renovation and Addition**

**Students of Montana's only law school thank you for your support of a renovated and expanded building.**

- A building that is accessible to students and visitors who are physically disabled
- More small and mid-sized classrooms
- Additional space for the School's clinical programs including client interview rooms, student work rooms and additional office space
- An expanded library that is current with today's technology to serve the needs of students, faculty, the judiciary, the practicing bar and the public
- Additional student study space

**The project was critical to maintain the school's accreditation.** UM President Dennison and School of Law Dean Eck are required to report again to the School's accrediting agency on May 1, 2009.

**The State entered into a construction contract in December 2007.** The total project cost is \$13.8 million. At that time, the funding was provided from the following sources:

\$ 4,800,000	Individual and law firm gifts and pledges
4,700,000	State of Montana appropriations
2,450,000	Bond proceeds to be serviced by student fees
1,700,000	Federal appropriations
<u>150,000</u>	Other
\$13,800,000	Total

Of the \$13.8 million, \$700,000 was set aside as a contingency. Because the contractor encountered additional costs, particularly renovation costs, \$665,000 (95%) of this contingency has been used. We are pleased to note that we have raised another \$175,000 in private gifts since the construction began and we are hopeful this will be sufficient to cover contingency shortfalls.

Funds for classroom furniture and audio-visual equipment were not included in the construction budget. Currently, we have raised \$200,000 of the \$700,000 estimated costs for these.

**Construction should be complete in July in time for fall 2009 classes.**

**THANK YOU!**